

**LETTER**

FROM THE

**SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,**

TRANSMITTING A

*Report of Assays at the Mint of the United States,*

OF

**SUNDRY FOREIGN COINS.**

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**JANUARY 19, 1824.**

Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 17, 1824.*

In pursuance of the act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Spain, and Portugal, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces," passed the 29th day of April, 1816, the Secretary of the Treasury has the honor to transmit, herewith, a report of the Director of the Mint, giving the result of sundry assays, made in pursuance of instructions from this Department.

Hon. the SPEAKER  
*of the House of Representatives.*

## MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

January 5, 1824.

SIR: Agreeably to your general instructions, I have caused assays to be made of the several species of foreign silver coins still current by law in the United States; and of the foreign gold coins, (so far as specimens could be procured,) receivable in payment on account of public lands.

The Assayer's report is as follows:

## SILVER COINS.

			oz. dwt. gr.	
5 pieces of French crowns, dated 1793,	10	18	12	fine in 12 oz.
5 do five franc pieces, " 1823,	10	16	00	do
5 do Spanish dollars, " 1822,	10	16	00	do

## GOLD COINS.

Five pieces of British, dated 1822,	22	carats fine in 24 car.
One do of Portuguese, 1822,	21	car. 3 grs $\frac{1}{4}$ do.

No specimens of French or Spanish gold coins, especially of late dates, could be procured.

The above assays agreeing, either exactly, or very nearly, with former assays, it may be presumed that no alteration has taken place in the quality of foreign coins.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

RT. PATTERSON.

Hon. WM. H. CRAWFORD,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*